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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

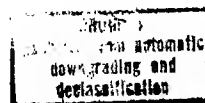
SUBJECT: Allen Dulles Estate Records

1. In a memorandum, dated 8 July 1969, written to William C. Pierce, Esq., Sullivan & Cromwell, Mr. Houston identifies categories of papers of the Dulles estate. He identifies as Category III a group of documents consisting of letters or memoranda to Mr. Dulles which do not bear a classification stamp but which appear to have been sent to Mr. Dulles in his capacity as DCI. He further describes this category of papers as containing raw intelligence material and as being "sensitive." He states that this category should be retained by CIA until we can make further determinations as to whether it is Government property and whether it is "in whole or in part no longer sensitive." About this category he further states in the memorandum, that it would be some years before any of the material can be released.

2. In a memorandum, dated 15 July 1969, to Mr. Houston, William C. Pierce of Sullivan & Cromwell states, "I trust that the documents in Category III can be released before too long."

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1. Those papers which are least sensitive and can later be examined with a view toward releasing them to the estate.
2. Those documents which, in his opinion, should be permanently held by the Agency.
4. It is believed highly desirable to avail ourselves to the utmost to the expertise of [REDACTED] who now has a thorough understanding of the contents of the Dulles papers. In this connection, it is believed that the categorization mentioned above is highly desirable and will save time and effort in the future.

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